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AMERICAN TOBACCO TRAIL (Phase E) UPDATE

From NC 54 south to Chatham County Line

PURPOSE:

This is just a brief update of the activity regarding the American Tobacco Trail (ATT) and the status of construction documents. It is the mission of the Public Works to ensure that the community is well educated on the status of these plans so they can see the dream realized.

OVERVIEW

This trail is being constructed with the assistance of Federal funding. Federal funding mandates that all approvals be acquired prior to releasing the project for bids. These approvals can be broken down into three (3) basic categories and they are:

1. **Right-of-Way(ROW)/Access** – DONE. All ROW, easements and licenses have been acquired. This allowed the Federal Funds of \$4.7 million dollars to be set aside for this project.
2. **Categorical Exclusion** – DONE. This is the sign-off from various State agencies. This has been acquired.
3. **Construction Plan Approval and Permits** – from governmental agencies including NCDOT and the City. The breakdown below gives more details:
 - a. NCDOT trail construction plans were submitted to NCDOT on 9-07-2010. The following units have been contacted and their review status of the plans:
 - Hydro Unit – approved 10/14/2010
 - Traffic Unit – approved 10/14/2010
 - Geotechnical Unit – approved 10/14/2010
 - Division 5 Unit – approved 10/14/2010
 - Lighting/Electrical – approved 10/21/2010
 - b. NCDOT Bridge plans. Verbal approval of the bridge plans on 12-2-2010.

NCDOT has reviewed and approved all of the construction plans (Trail and Bridge). Written approval from NCDOT will be in the form of a release letter but that letter will be done after all permits are received (see item 3d on next page). Submitted with those permits will be the contract documents and cost estimate.

- c. City signed off plans on 11-24-2010.

Construction Plan Approval and Permits (continued)

d. Permit Status –

1. United States Corps of Engineers Permit- DONE. Permit approved on 12-22-10.
2. Erosion Control Permit- Waiting on written permit form DWQ to review Erosion Control Plan. Anticipate receiving permit approval by mid April. Letter of Receipt of Erosion Control Plan dated 1-28-2011 (Project ID: Durha-2011-004).
3. NCDOT Encroachment Permits- DONE. These are local Division permits. NCDOT Division Office confirmed on 12-8-10 that these permits are waived since the plans have been reviewed already by NCDOT in Raleigh (State wide construction office).
4. North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources – (DWQ Permit # 11-0009) Verbal approval received 3-22-11. Anticipate written approval in a week.

e. NCDOT Authorization to release for bids:

Once permits have been obtained, NCDOT to review the entire bid package and permits for release. A preliminary submittal meeting was held on January 19th with NCDOT, the City and the Consultant to review submittal process since this is a new procedure with NCDOT. Durham was assured that NCDOT would expedite the review once all was received. Anticipate 30 days upon receipt of submittal (early April-dependent upon Permit Status)

End of Report.